

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1 at lines 10-16 to read as follows:

This is a continuation-in-part of prior application serial no. 09/413,270, filed October 6, 1999, now US Patent No. 6,505,175, entitled "Order Centric Tracking System" and is a Continuation -in -part of application serial no. 09/413,150, filed October 6, 1999, now US Patent No. 6,625,583, entitled "Handheld Trading System Interface", to all of which priority under 35 USC §120 is claimed. Applicants hereby claim priority under 35 USC §119 for US provisional application serial no. 60/157,987, filed October 6, 1999, entitled "Extensible Markup Language (XML) Based Protocol". The entire contents of these three applications are herein expressly incorporated by reference.